

Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas March 19<sup>th</sup> 1900

Hon J.W. McCall Mayor presiding

Call called

Present Aldermen Blunham Glass Morris Martimer  
and Stumpf

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Absent Aldermen Fischer & Kelen

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The minutes of the last regular meeting were read

Alderman Glass moved to change the minutes so as to show that he Voted "No" on the motion to "have the ordinance putting into operation the Corporation County, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections" the record showing that he voted "Aye". Alderman Fischer entered the Council Chamber.

Minutes  
Approved

Motion to change  
last

Yea Aldermen Blunham Glass & Martimer

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Nays Aldermen Fischer Morris, Stumpf & the Mayor

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The motion was then made & put to a vote the minutes as recorded and the motion lost.

Minutes  
Approved

Alderman Glass stated that he had voted against the adoption of the minutes, and desired to change his vote & vote to adopt them - The Mayor then adopted the minutes adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

Petitions  
Petition to

The Mayor laid before the Council the petition of J.S. Vredenberg asking permission to erect an outside stairway to building corner Congress Avenue West 8<sup>th</sup> street stairway The petition was referred to the Fire Committee

Reports of City Officers -

Report by

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the City Treasurer for the month of Feby 1900, which was read

The following is a synopsis of the report

General fund.

Balance Feby 1st 1900.

\$ 37,394.64

Received from the Banking at during the month

Ad Valorem

712.82

Licence

99.00

Miscellaneous

659.13

Disbursements -

Paid warrants during the month

\$ 4097.48

Balance

34768.66

\$ 38,866.14 \$ 38,866.14

Savings Fund

Balance Feby 1st

\$ 2,711.75

Received during the month from Mrs Patterson

4,874.84

Disbursements -

Paid Warrants during the Mo

\$ 3,669.68

Balance

9916.91

\$ 7586.09 \$ 7586.09

Sinking Fund Water Light bonds

Balance Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

Cash

\$ 1,357.07

" " High School bonds.

10,000.00

Rec'd from A&L during the month

148.80

Balance Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1900

Cash \$ 1499.87

High School bonds

10000.00

\$ 11499.87

\$ 11499.87

Interest fund Water Light bonds

Balance Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

\$ 3,893.16

Rec'd from A&L during the month

872.00

Balance Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1900.

\$ 3765.21

Interest Sinking fund old bonds

Balance Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 Cash

\$ 608.37

" " 9% W&L bonds

9000.00

Rec'd from A&L during the month

48.40

Balance Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1900. In Cash \$ 656.77

5% Water Light bonds

9000.00

\$ 9656.77

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Motion to cancel Alderman Stump moved that a Committee be appointed to cancel and destroy 3.5% water light-bonds, purchased for the sinking fund of W&L bonds. which motion prevailed and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Stump, Dunham & Pocher as such Committee

Supplemental report W&L Commission  
The Mayor laid before the Council a supplemental annual report of the Water Light Commission, made by them in response to a resolution passed by the Council. The report was read and on motion referred to the Water Light Committee

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Veto Message  
Mayors Office, Austin Texas, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

To the Honorable City Council,

Gentlemen:

Mayors Veto  
App \$10,000 from  
\$10,000

I herewith return without my approval an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten thousand dollars for the purpose of street and bridge improvements of the City of Austin" passed by your honorable body March 5<sup>th</sup> 1900

Section 120 of the Charter reads as follows:

"Sec 120. That in order to make these restrictions effective the Council shall within two months after the beginning of each fiscal year, and after the salaries of officers and regular employees shall have been fixed for the year, cause to be made or adopt an estimate of the probable income from all sources which will be collected for the general fund during the fiscal year; and of the expenditures to pay salaries and wages of officers and regular employees, and of the amount required to meet the other ordinary expenses of the City government, not including work on streets -"

and bridges, or other public improvements; said estimate shall be spread upon the minutes of the Council when adopted, and may be amended when the Council may deem them incorrect.

Section 122 reads as follows:

"Sec 122 That after two months from the beginning of any fiscal year, no appropriation shall be made for other purpose, other than to pay the regular salaries of officers and employees, and expenses of the Hospital without such estimate of the City Council being in force as provided for in this act."

Said estimates have not been adopted, as provided for in the Charter, the Council is therefore without authority at present to appropriate money for street improvements.

Respectfully,

Jno. W. Hall

Mayor

Alderman Glass moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed, which motion prevailed.

Veto sustained The motion was then put, shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the Mayor's objection, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Dunham, <sup>Fisher</sup> Glass Morris Martinen & Stumpf 6  
None

New business

Bill for water The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of the Water Light Commission, for Water Light furnished the city to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1899, which was on motion referred to the Water Light Committee.

Deed from G. M. Brax The Mayor then laid before the Council a communication from G. M. Brax enclosing a deed from G. M. & Amelia Brax for certain real estate for street purposes.

In motion the deed was accepted and the thanks of the Council extended to the donors.

Alderman Dunham moved that Officer Gibbons be furnished with a telephone at his residence at the expense of the City, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Morris offered the following resolution "Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Tax Rates for the year 1899, be approved subject to the pending appeals." The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Fisher Morris, Stumpf & the Mayor 4  
Nays Aldermen Dunham Glass & Martinen 3

On motion the Council adjourned.

Geo. C. Johnson  
City-Cl. 1,

Gibson given  
Telephone at  
expense of City

Tax Rates for 1899  
Approved